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SENATE BILL 533

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH ADMINISTRATION; REFINING THE DUTIES OF THE
NEW MEXICO HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION; GRANTING THE COMMISSION
THE AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT DONATIONS; CREATING A FUND; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 9-7-11.2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1991,
Chapter 139, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"9-7-11.2. NEW MEXICO HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION
CREATED--COMPOSITION--DUTIES.--

A. There is created the "New Mexico health policy
commission", which is administratively attached to the
department of finance and administration.

B. The New Mexico health policy commission shall
consist of nine members appointed by the governor with the

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1 advice and consent of the senate to reflect the ethnic,
2 economic, geographic and professional diversity of the state.
3 A majority of the commission members shall have no pecuniary or
4 fiduciary interest in the health services industry while
5 serving or for three years preceding appointment to the
6 commission. Three members shall be appointed for one-year
7 terms, three members shall be appointed for two-year terms and
8 three members shall be appointed for three-year terms, and all
9 subsequent appointments shall be made for three-year terms.

10 C. The New Mexico health policy commission shall
11 meet at the call of the chair and shall meet not less than
12 quarterly. The chair shall be elected from among the members
13 of the commission annually. Members of the New Mexico health
14 policy commission shall not be paid but shall receive per diem
15 and mileage expenses as provided in the Per Diem and Mileage
16 Act.

17 D. The New Mexico health policy commission shall
18 establish task forces as needed to make recommendations to the
19 commission on various health issues. Task force members may
20 include individuals who have expertise or a pecuniary or
21 fiduciary interest in the health services industry. Voting
22 members of a task force may receive mileage expenses when funds
23 are available as determined by the director of the commission
24 if they:

- 25 (1) are members who represent consumer

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1 interests;

2 (2) are individuals who were not appointed to
3 represent the views of the organization or agency for which
4 they work; or

5 (3) represent an organization that has a
6 policy of not reimbursing travel expenses of employees or
7 representatives for travel to meetings.

8 E. The New Mexico health policy commission may
9 accept on behalf of the state such donations of money, gifts,
10 contributions, property, bequests or memorials from persons,
11 corporations, foundations or agencies or the federal government
12 as it deems suitable and in keeping with the purposes of the
13 commission and may deposit such donations into a revolving fund
14 to further its statutory purposes.

15 ~~[E.]~~ F. The New Mexico health policy commission
16 shall:

17 (1) ~~[develop a plan for and monitor the~~
18 ~~implementation of]~~ collaborate with the department of health on
19 the development of a plan for the state's health policy;

20 (2) obtain and evaluate information from a
21 broad spectrum of New Mexico's society to develop ~~[and monitor~~
22 ~~the implementation of]~~ recommendations for the state's health
23 policy;

24 (3) obtain and evaluate information relating
25 to factors that affect the availability, health care delivery

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1 system and accessibility of health services and health care
2 personnel in the public and private sectors;

3 (4) perform needs assessments on health
4 personnel, health education and recruitment and retention and
5 make recommendations regarding the training, recruitment,
6 placement and retention of health professionals in underserved
7 areas of the state;

8 (5) introduce and explain topics related to
9 health care reform and provide economic analyses of health care
10 costs to employers and businesses;

11 (6) collect data on the financing and costs of
12 health care in the state, including financing and costs at
13 inpatient facilities, emergency departments, outpatient clinics
14 and public health clinics and in the private sector;

15 ~~[(5)]~~ (7) prepare and publish ~~[an annual~~
16 ~~report]~~ various reports describing the progress in addressing
17 the state's health policy and planning issues; ~~[The report~~
18 ~~shall include a workplan of goals and objectives for addressing~~
19 ~~the state's health policy and planning issues in the upcoming~~
20 ~~year.~~

21 ~~(6)]~~ (8) distribute the ~~[annual report]~~
22 various reports to the governor, all legislators, appropriate
23 state agencies ~~[and interim]~~, legislative committees and
24 interested parties;

25 ~~[(7)]~~ (9) establish a process to prioritize

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1 recommendations on program development, resource allocation and
2 proposed legislation;

3 ~~[(8)]~~ (10) provide information and analysis on
4 health issues;

5 ~~[(9)]~~ (11) serve as a catalyst and synthesizer
6 of health policy in the public and private sectors;

7 ~~[(10)]~~ (12) respond to requests by the
8 executive and legislative branches of government; and

9 ~~[(11)]~~ (13) ensure that any behavioral health
10 projects, including those relating to mental health and
11 substance abuse, are conducted in compliance with the
12 requirements of Section 9-7-6.4 NMSA 1978."

13 Section 2. [NEW MATERIAL] NEW MEXICO HEALTH POLICY
14 COMMISSION REVOLVING FUND CREATED.--The "New Mexico health
15 policy commission revolving fund" is created in the state
16 treasury to further the purposes of the New Mexico health
17 policy commission pursuant to Section 9-7-11.2 NMSA 1978. The
18 fund shall consist of donations of money, gifts, contributions,
19 property, bequests or memorials from persons, corporations,
20 foundations or agencies or the federal government. The fund
21 shall be administered by the department of finance and
22 administration and shall be used to finance activities
23 necessary to further the purposes of the New Mexico health
24 policy commission as evaluated by the director of the
25 commission. Money in the fund shall be credited to the fund

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1 and shall not revert. Money in the fund shall be expended only
2 on warrants drawn by the secretary of finance and
3 administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the director of
4 the New Mexico health policy commission or the director's
5 authorized representative.

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